GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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PASSENGER AMENITIES
ARUN KUMAR

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn towards the newsitem captioned `Yatri Suvidhaon Se Vanchit Pradesh Mein Daur Rahi Passenger Trains` appearing in the Hindustan, Patna, edition, dated April 7,2001; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to remove the shortcomings and to provide amenities to passengers ?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) Passenger trains running in Patna area are cleaned and maintained regularly at Base depot.Despite thefts and considerable vandalism of coaches by anti social elements in this area, railways provides regular inputs to keep the passenger amenities in good condition. Some of the steps taken by Railways to improve passenger amenities in Patna area are as under:-

i. Renovation of 11 passenger rakes out of 12 since April 2001 to renew the interiors in good condition in addition to regular upkeep.
ii. Augmentation of 6 rakes by total 47 coaches to provide more travelling capacity
iii. Signages improved at Patna, Danapur, Patna Sahib stations recently for passenger convenience.
iv. Water chillers installed at Patna junction .
v. Punpun station on Patna Gaya line improved.
vi. Raids conducted by RPF in areas around Patna to recover stolen aluminum fittings.